

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yuji KANO, et al.

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For: SYNTHETIC RESIN CONTAINER CLOSURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 13, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 24 to read as follows:

24. (Amended) The container closure of claim 20, wherein the ribs extend radially.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment merely corrects an obvious typographical error in the dependency of claim 24.

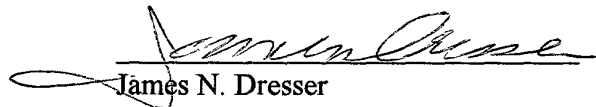
Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a copy of claim 24 marked to show the change. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Claim 24 has been amended as follows:

24. (Amended) The container closure of claim ~~24~~ 20, wherein the ribs extend radially.